

REMARKS

Claims 2-9, 11-19, 21-23, 25-27, and 34-64 are pending in this application. Claims 2-9, 11-19, 21-23, 25-27, and 34-37 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 38-64 have been rejected.

Claims 2-9, 11-19, 21-23, 25-27, and 34-64 have been cancelled in this Amendment. Claims 65-67 are newly added in this response. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

In items 2 and 3 on page 2 of the current Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 39-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons set forth therein. Claims 39-43 have been cancelled in this response, rendering the rejection under § 112 moot.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 38-61 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over various combinations of Sprague et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,661,652), Hoffman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,742,233), Norris (U.S. Patent No. 5,689,269), Geier et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,416,712), and applicant's admitted prior art. Claims 38-61 have been cancelled in this response, rendering the rejections under § 103(a) moot.

New Claims

Claims 65-67 are newly added with this response. Independent claim 65 recites a monitoring portable information terminal comprising "... an instruction receiving unit receiving instructions to display a relative position between the monitoring portable information terminal and the monitored portable information terminal; a request unit requesting the central system, ... to obtain position information of the monitored portable information terminal; ... a self-position

information acquisition unit obtaining the position information of the monitoring portable information terminal; a map retrieval unit searching the map data storage unit for map data representing both a position of the monitored portable information terminal and a position of the monitoring portable information terminal; and a display unit displaying the map data retrieved by the map retrieval unit.”

It is the position of the applicant that the cited references do not disclose displaying the position of a monitored portable information terminal and the position of a monitoring portable information terminal on the same display.

Claims 66 and 67 depend from claim 65 and are patentable over the prior art for at least the reasons discussed above.

Thus, for at least the reasons presented above, the applicant submits claims 65-67 patentably distinguish over the prior art. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests allowance of the new claims.

Conclusion

It is submitted that none of the references, either taken alone or in combination, teach the present claimed invention. Thus, claims 65-67 are deemed to be in a condition suitable for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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Finally, if there are any additional fees associated with filing of this response, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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